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For: ETCH STOP IN DAMASCENE
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE AND
METHOD OF MAKING

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks section begins on page 5 of this paper.